**Ferentz says he missed the call**



Coach says he should have called timeout before onside kick. **By RANDY PETERSON**   
  
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... Kirk Ferentz said he would have called a timeout.  
  
Iowa's veteran football coach second-guessed him­self Tuesday when asked about Minnesota's successful onside kick that led to the win­ning touchdown during the Gophers' 22-21 victory Satur­day.  
  
The onsides kick, you know — I'll take that one," Ferentz told reporters during his weekly press conference.  
  
Just as soon as (the kicker) started making his approach, I almost called timeout.  
  
I'm standing next to the official. I should have (called timeout) in retrospect, but I didn't, so that's the way it goes."  
  
His 5-3 team tries to re­group at home Saturday dur­ing an11a.m. game against No. 13 Michigan (7-1). It tries to re­cover after losing against a Minnesota team that was outscored 144-31 against three previous Big Ten Con­ference opponents.  
  
This time, Iowa will be wary of onside kicks, which wasn't the case Saturday when Minnesota defenders crushed Jason White before he had a chance to react.  
  
We knew as soon as they started approaching the ball that something was up," White, a backup run­ning back, said Tuesday. There were skill players up there on the front line, but at that point, we were not (prepared).  
  
On that particular in­stance, they executed well and we didn't."  
  
White said special teams coaches mentioned the on­side possibility during a pre-kick sideline huddle.  
  
We were on special teams alert," White said. We just weren't lined up and prepared when he kicked it."  
  
Iowa was a double-fig­ure favorite to reach six­ win bowl eligibility Satur­day, and the fact that it didn't has fans wondering if or when it will happen.  
  
The Hawkeyes' remain­ing schedule consists of games against three rated opponents, and one at Pur­due, where Iowa has won just once since 1991.